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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action of April 27, 2001, Applicants request consideration of the following arguments.

## **REMARKS**

Claims 5-7, 9-12, and 14-23 are pending. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Office's withdrawal of its previous rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 112, second paragraph, 102(b), and all other rejections as set forth in Paper No. 14.

The Office newly rejects claims 17-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph; claims 5-7, 9-12, and 14-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph; and claims 17 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Applicants address each outstanding rejection under its respective statutory section below.

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